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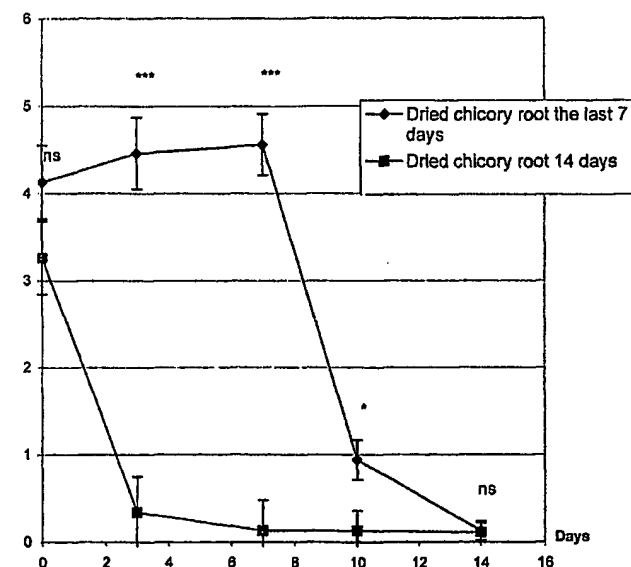
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Skatole in blood plasma



(57) Abstract: Disclosed is a method and a prod-
uct of a chicory root product for reducing taint in
animals, said method comprising feeding to an an-
imal a chicory root product during at least one day
prior to slaughtering the animal. By feeding ani-
mals with the chicory root product this improves
the quality of meat, prevents or reduces female and
male animal taint, primarily boar taint caused by
skatole and/or androstenone. The invention also re-
lates to methods for improving the health status of
animals e.g. by reducing infections by pathogens in
the gastrointestinal tract and to methods for reduc-
ing animal caused odours in general. The chicory
root product comprises inulin/fructan (fructooligo-
saccharides) other low molecular weight sugars and
secondary metabolites.



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